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SEN. BASHAM ANNOUNCES LOCAL DRUG PREVENTION GRANTS

LANSING- State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that youth drug prevention programs in Taylor and Southgate will be receiving over \$120,000 in state grants from the Office of Drug Control Policy. The Taylor Democrat said that the Southgate Guidance Center, the Taylor Teen Health Center and the Taylor School District were awarded the funding to begin new drug prevention and education programs that target youths who are not normally served by local education agencies and community organizations.

“Drug addiction is our nation’s number one health problem because it strains our health care system, weakens our economy, threatens public safety and damages family relationships,” Sen. Basham said. “I want to publicly thank these local organizations for taking the initiative to design and propose innovative new programs that will help our youth stay clear of illegal drugs. Protecting our children from the threat of drug addiction is everyone’s responsibility.”

The grants are as follows:

- **Guidance Center in Southgate** will receive \$35,000 to provide the Second Step Training and Project Alert to 5 alternative education students and over 600 youth in the full year and summer prevention program. The high school student component will include a job-training program, offer high school credit for independent study, and provide drug and violence prevention program.
- **Taylor School District in Taylor** will receive \$50,000 to provide the 8-week Taylor Teen Opportunities through Prevention Services program (TTOPS) to 100, 11-17 year olds, who are first time or early offenders. The program will provide youth skills personal/social skills development, community services, monthly prohibition meetings, a parent program and family/participation assessments.

- **Taylor Teen Health Center (Summer 2004)** will receive \$36,314 to provide an 8-week summer drug and violence prevention program for 60 youth, ages 10-14. The program will provide Second Step, Project ALERT, and Life Skills Training. Other components of the program will be the Summer Arts and Prevention Academy, mentoring, cultural and educational field trips, and work with peer educators.

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